

JOSEPH R. MURDOCK

The name of Hon. Joseph R. Murdock of Charleston and Heber City is synonymous with the development of irrigation interests in the West. He has contributed to public progress along various lines and in no field have his labors been more far-reaching and resultant than in behalf of the reclamation of the arid lands through the conservation and distribution of the water supply of this section of the country. Mr. Murdock's efforts in this connection alone entitle him to rank not only with the cap-

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tains of industry, but with the benefactors of the race. The story of his life is an interesting one—the record of earnest endeavor crowned with successful achievement.

Mr. Murdock was born in Salt Lake City, August 11, 1858, his parents being N. C. and Sarah M. (Barney) Murdock. In 1864, N. C. Murdock removed to Charleston, Wasatch County, Utah.

Joseph R. Murdock was reared to young manhood upon his father's farm and was educated in the schools of Charleston, supplemented by study in the Brigham Young Academy, now the Brigham Young University. In 1872 he became associated with his father in farming and stock raising and carried on the business extensively. They also established the first creamery in Charleston and further extended the scope of their activities. They opened a general merchandise store in 1875, their trade steadily growing into a business which was incorporated in 1890, at which time Joseph R. Murdock was elected the manager of the enterprise.

There is no man more widely or favorably known as a representative of the irrigation interests of the West. He has done more beyond a doubt to further irrigation than has any other one man in the state of Utah, or perhaps in the West. He organized the Provo Reservoir Company, of which he is president. This project now supplies water to 10,000 acres of land and

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has sufficient water for 10,000 acres additional. The project was developed at a cost of a million dollars. The main office of the company is in the Knight Building at Provo. Mr. Murdock also is the president of the Bank of Heber City, which does a business amounting to one-half million dollars annually, and he is the president of the Sugar Centrifugal Discharging Company of Salt Lake City, manufacturers of sugar machinery and employing about 30 men.

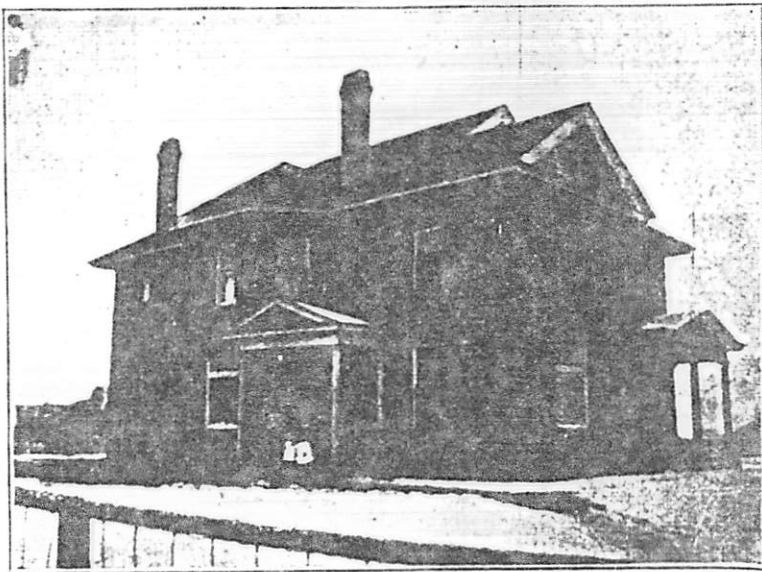
In 1878, Mr. Murdock was married to Miss Margaret Wright, a daughter of William and Jemima (Dands) Wright. They became parents of 11 children.

In 1903, Mr. Murdock removed with his family to Heber and was there, in 1905, called to the presidency of the Wasatch Stake, which he has since filled. In politics, Mr. Murdock is a Democrat and was a staunch supporter of President Wilson and his League of Nations policy. He served three terms as county commissioner of Wasatch County and was a member of the constitutional convention. He was also a member of the lower house of the Utah Legislature during the first and second sessions of the general assembly, and in the fall of 1900 he was elected state senator. During that session he was the father of the dairy bill, which was enacted into law, and he served on many important committees. He gave most earnest and thoughtful consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement during his legislative career, and left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the assembly enactments. He still owns and maintains his home in Heber and also, because of his business relations there, he has a home in Provo, he and his family dividing their time between the two cities.

The life record of Joseph R. Murdock is indeed a creditable one. His life has been actuated by high purposes and earnest endeavor, productive of splendid results, and among Utah's most useful and honored citizens Joseph R. Murdock is named.

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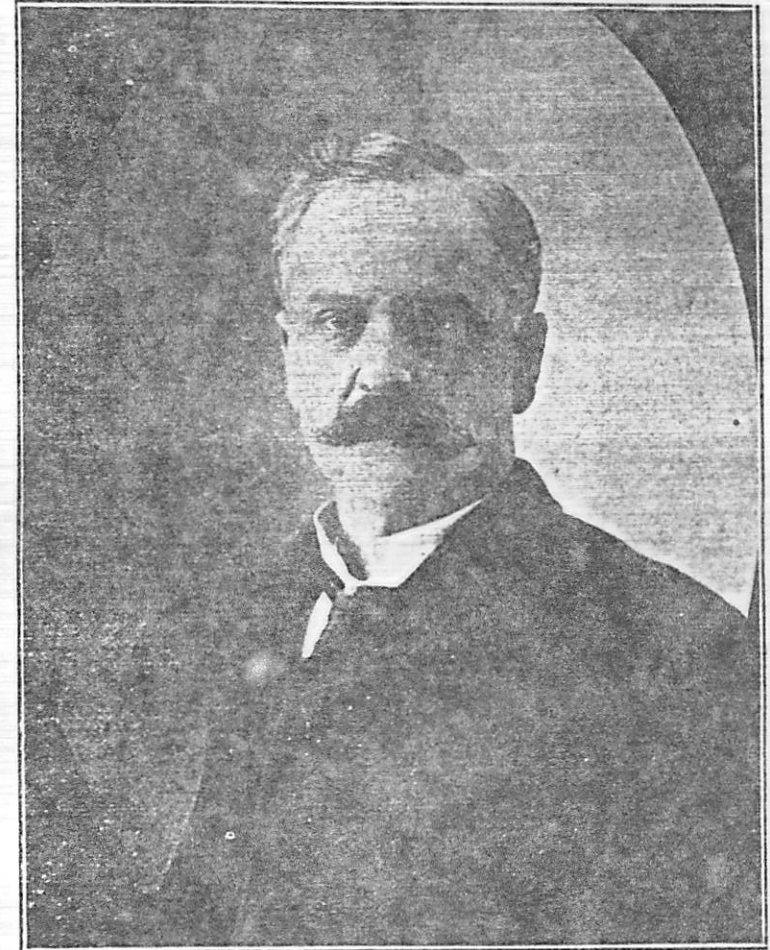
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Christmas Sale.

Commencing December 15th we will make the following price for cash or cash account

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| One 16 oz. pkg. Seeded Raisins | 10 cts. |
| One pound loose Raisins | 10 cts |
| One " " Currants | 10 cts. |
| One 16 oz pkg. of Currants | 10 cts |
| Three 12 oz pkgs of Currants | 25 cts |

To save holding over a line of Ladies, Misses, and Children's Coats we will offer them at prices that will surprise you.

We will sell you a Range for \$27.50 up to \$60.

These are only a few of the many articles to be found in our store and our prices are right.

Our Christmas Toy Line,

including dishes, is one of the biggest and best in Wasatch County.

Charleston Co-op,

The Store that Sells.



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Among the pioneer settlers of Wasatch county none, perhaps, are better known or more highly respected than is Nymphas C. Murdock. It might well be said of him that he is the founder and guardian of the thriving little town of Charleston, for he has been the director of affairs in that town from almost its first settlement and has guarded its interests and development with a jealous eye and a steady hand.

He was the first postmaster of Char-

leston, and gave a bond as such in the sum of \$1,500, although the compensation did not exceed five dollars for the first year. It was not the emoluments that he was seeking, but he was interested in the growth, development, and building up of Charleston and aware of the fact that progress cannot be expected in any town without a postoffice.

The first store in Charleston was started by Mr. Murdock and his five or six neighbor families, with a fifty dollar stock of goods. This was the embryo from which has sprung the Charleston Co-op of today, doing an

annual business of about \$40,000. He has always been one of the leaders in the community and taken a prominent part in every entertainment, whether public or private, calculated to further the interest, growth, and development of Charleston and Wasatch county.

When the Charleston ward was organized, he was chosen as its first bishop, a position he held until about five years ago, when he was promoted to the high ecclesiastical position of Patriarch.

He is a son of Joseph and Sally Murdock and was born May 12, 1833, at Hamilton, New York. His parents embraced the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1838, and with them he joined the main body of saints at Kirtland, Ohio. From that time on the history of his life is almost identical with the history of the church. He was a member of the second company of saints who left winter quarters for the great

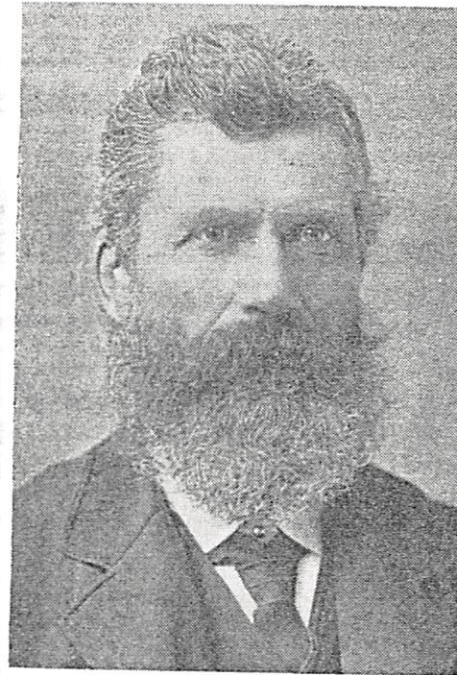
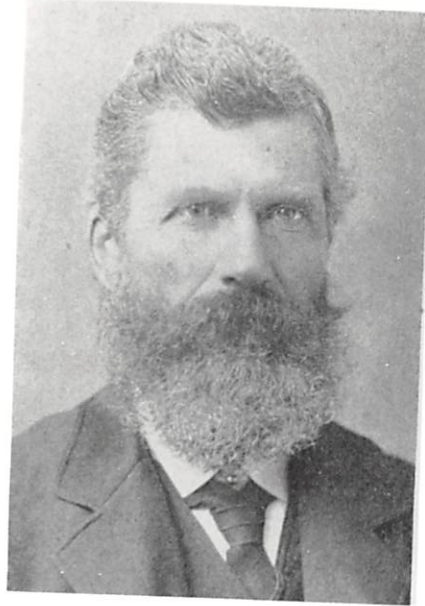
western desert and reached Salt Lake City September 22, 1847, and that fall assisted in making adobes for the old fort wall.

He became a member of the second company of militia, known as minute men, under Captain Calister, in 1850. He continued in the service and took part in all the Indian wars up to and including the Black Hawk war, the final scenes of which took place in this valley.

He moved his family to this county in 1862, and purchased the claim of George W. Bean, which embraced the greater part of the river bottom from Charleston to the old "Ritchie" ranch, distance of about a mile and a half.

His experience in the early persecutions and hardships of pioneer life in Salt Lake valley and later in helping to subdue the wilderness of this valley, equipped him admirably to become the leader, adviser, and counselor that he has been to his fellow-citizens of this county. Many have been greatly benefited by listening to the counsel and taking the advice of "Uncle Nif." Whenever there was work to do his motto has always been to start out saying: "Come on boys," and they always came.

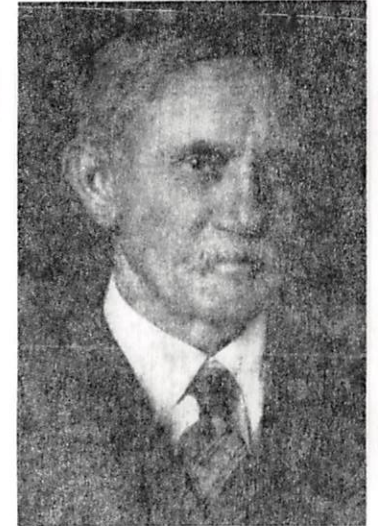
In 1863, John W. Witt of Heber was given a contract to supply oats to the stations as far east as Green River. Under this contract, companies of men with teams and



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wagons periodically set out from Heber to supply stations. There was work for everyone with a wagon. According to John Crook:

This was the beginning of good times for Heber. Plenty of money rolled in. Grain kept raising until it reached \$3.00 a bushel for oats and \$5.00 for wheat. Merchandise was high also. Stoves were from \$150 to \$200 each. Sugar and nails were \$1.00 a pound. Factory and prints cost \$.50 to \$1.00 per yard. A good wagon cost \$300 and everything else in proportion.⁴

⁴Crook, "History of Wasatch County," *Wasatch Wave*, December 14, 1889.

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